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JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has entrusted the promotion of Joint Forest Management to a body, which has representatives of the World Bank and Five other foreign agencies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number out of them which are genuine environmentalists or grass root level experts?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) No, Sir. The Joint Forest Management programme is monitored by the JFM Cell in the MinistryFor wider consultation and for receiving the feed back from all the stakeholders, a JFM network has been established by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Inspector General of Forests & Special Secretary.This network has membership from Central and State Government representatives, NGOs, Academic and Research institutions and international funding organisations who are working in the field of Joint Forest Management.

(b) & (c) Questions do not arise in view of (a) above.